THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) It is reported that the managements of 25 out of the 31 mills in Coimbatore district have paid compensation due to the retrenched workers. In respect of other cases, the matter is under examination by the Labour Department."

SRI K. T. RAJU :—" லேபர் டிபார்ட்மெண்ட் பரிசீலனையில் இருக்கக் கூடிய பிரச்னை எப்பொழுது முடிவுக்கு வரும் என்பதை கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்களைக் கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" பிரச்னை முடிந்ததும் விஷயமும் முடிவாகும்."

*Ranee's Hospital, Pudukkottai.*

* 1516 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any separate minimum and maximum maternity charges are levied for maternity cases in Ranee's Hospital, Pudukkottai, Tiruchirappalli district; and

(b) the principle on which such minimum and maximum charges are levied?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) In cases where the income of the patient or the head of the patient's family is Rs. 100 per month and above, a fee ranging from Rs. 12–8–0 to Rs. 25 to be fixed by the head of the institution is charged for confinements.

" (b) On the basis of income of the patient or the head of the patient's family."

*Training centre for agricultural demonstration maistries.*

* 1517 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government conducted any training centre at Pattambi, South Malabar, for agricultural demonstration maistries in 1954;

(b) if so, how many were given training; and

(c) of the trainees how many were appointed as additional agricultural demonstration maistries and of those appointed, how many were subsequently discharged?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) Sixty-two candidates were trained at the Agricultural Research Station, Pattambi.

" (c) Sixty-one candidates were appointed. Out of them 35 persons were subsequently ousted as a result of the reorganization of the field set up of the Agricultural department which came into force on 1st December 1954. Out of these 35 persons, 15 persons have since been reappointed and the remaining persons have been allotted to other districts for appointment."